

Remarks

Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 10-24 are pending. Claims 5 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice. In the Office Action, claims 1-11, 14, 17, 18, 23, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burnett, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,870,080). It was also stated that claims 12, 13, 15, 16, and 19-22 are allowable but were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant appreciates the apparent withdrawal of the prior §103(a) rejection of claims 1-11, 14, 17, 18, 23, and 24 in view of Garney, et al.

Regarding independent claims 1 and 23, Applicant has amended the claims to recite “a peripheral hub device” to clarify that the peripheral device may be distinguished from a printer as disclosed in Burnett. Further, the claims were amended to include, unlike Burnett, an upstream port. For at least these reasons, Applicant believes that independent claims 1 and 23 are allowable. Dependent claims 2, 4, 6-8, 10-11, and 24 were amended to recite proper antecedent basis in view of the amendments to independent claims 1 and 23. Applicant believes dependent claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-16, and 24 are allowable for at least the reason as they depend from allowable base claims 1 and 23 and urges the withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection to these dependent claims as well as independent claims 1 and 23.

Applicant respectfully traverses the §103(a) rejection of claims 17-22 in view of Burnett.

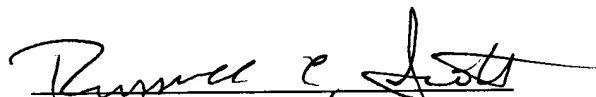
Burnett does not teach, disclose, or otherwise suggest a radio frequency transceiver apparatus for providing a wireless USB bus as recited in independent claim 17. Burnett is directed to an electromagnetic transceiver as stated, among other places, in the Abstract. For at least this reason, Applicant urges the withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of independent claim 17. In addition, the rejection of dependent claims 18-22 should be withdrawn for at least the reason that these claims depend from an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and clarifying amendments, and for various other reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4, 6-8, and 10-24 present allowable subject matter, and withdrawal of the rejections and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited. If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after entry of this Amendment, and such impediment could be alleviated during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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